GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2079
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
LAND UNDER IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the irrigated land in the country has come down sharply during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the reasons for this fall; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) As per the latest Land Use Statistics compiledby the Ministry of Agriculture for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, the state-wise net irrigated area are given at Annexure- I. Depending upon the availability of water for irrigation and the cropping pattern adopted by the farmers, the net irrigated area varies from year to year. The data of the past few years does not indicate any downward trend in net irrigated area. Irrigation being a State subject, all types of irrigation projects to increase area under irrigation are conceived, planned, investigated and executed by the respective State Governments from their own plan resources and according to their own priorities. Due to resource constraints with the State Governments, a number ofirrigation projects are pending for completion for years. For expeditious completion of such major and medium irrigation projects, Government of India is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA)to the State Governments under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)since 1996-97. Minor irrigation schemes of the special category states comprising the North- Eastern States and Sikkim, the hilly states of J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal as well as the drought prone Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa are also eligible for the CLA under AIBP with effect from 1999-2000. Under the programme, CLA of Rs. 8480.03 crore has been provided to the state governments upto the end of March 2002, which includes Rs.472.86 crore provided as 100% loan assistance to identified major/medium projects in the advance stage of construction that can be completed in one year (two working seasons) under the Fast Track Programme.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2079 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABI 29.7.2002

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NET IRRIGATED AREA

S.No	Name of State	Net Irrigated Area (In 000 hectare)		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4395	3945	4538
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	36	36	36
3.	Assam	572	572	572
4.	Bihar +Jharkhand	3624	3508	3682
5.	Goa	23	24	22
6.	Gujarat	3042	3058	3058

7 Haryana	2755	2793	2842
8. Himachal Pradesh	105	103	103
9. Jammu & Kashmir	313	309	309
10. Karnataka	2325	2363	2492
11. Kerala	357	350	375
12. Madhya Pradesh+ Chhattisgarh	6309	6304	6560
13. Maharashtra	2567	2936	2946
14. Manipur	65	65	65
15. Meghalaya	48	47	48
16. Mizoram	7	8	9
17. Nagaland	62	62	63
18. Orissa	2090	2090	2090
19. Punjab	3847	4004	4004
20. Rajasthan	5588	5421	5499
21. Tripura	35	35	35
22. Tamil Nadu	2892	2945	3019
23. Uttar Pradesh +Uttaranchal	11999	12012	12691
24. West Bengal	1911	1911	1911
25. Sikkim	16	16	16
26. Uts	66	69	70
Total	55049	54985	57053